

**Resolution to Create
A Commission to Review the Voting Process in the Diocese of Georgia**

Whereas, a number of clergy and laity in this diocese have raised questions over the years about our decision making process in the Diocese, especially as it relates to voting in Diocesan Convention, and

Whereas, the undersigned prepared two proposed changes to the Constitution of the Diocese to address some of the concerns that have been expressed and sent the proposals to many in the Diocese for comment, and

Whereas, the feedback that has been received indicates great divergence of opinion on issues raised by the proposed changes and other issues related to voting in Convention, and

Whereas, the undersigned have decided not to put forward their proposals in hopes that a Diocesan-wide conversation can take place to consider, in a comprehensive manner, whether any changes should be made to our voting process and, if so, what those changes should be,

Now therefore, be it resolved by the 186th Convention of the Diocese of Georgia, meeting in Augusta on February 8, 2007, that an ad hoc commission be formed by the Bishop of Georgia, to include priests, deacons, and laity in addition to representation from Diocesan Council, the Standing Committee, and the Committee on Constitution and Canons, and that the commission be charged with reviewing our current decision making process and making any recommendations for changes that it believes would benefit the Diocese; said review and recommendations to be completed by June 30, 2008 in order that they may be adequately studied and discussed prior to the 187th Convention of the Diocese of Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,
The Very Rev. Robert D. Fain
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